

IN WINDHAM COUNTY

EAST DOWRY.

Ralph Howe is at home on a two weeks' vacation from the school in Wilmington.

A medicine company is in this part of the town this week. It drew a large crowd Monday, the first night.

The literary and musical entertainment given at the Baptist church last Friday evening by Mrs. H. E. Leach of New York, eloquent, with her class in eloquence of this place, assisted by their friends in singing, was a success. The class showed a marked improvement in speaking clearly, distinctly and with expression. The singing was also well rendered and showed home talent and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Mrs. Leach gave readings and recitations which were of superlative character and showed her talent as an elocutionist as well as mistress of the situation. It is one thing to teach while it is quite another thing to put the same into practice. Mrs. Leach possesses both these abilities. She has had wide and varied experiences as an elocutionist and teacher of the art, having taught in New York city and Connecticut in both public and private schools. We hope to be favored with another entertainment of similar character.

DUMMERSTON.

Mrs. Jennie Patch is ill with grip.

Mrs. Allen and Mr. Rowe are at work on the schoolhouse.

Miss Ellen Smith, teacher in the Slab Hollow district, is ill.

Mrs. Etta S. Herrick is the guest of Mrs. Augusta Bennett.

There will be a Christmas tree at Johnson hall Saturday evening, Dec. 23.

Mrs. J. W. Patch was at Montpelier last week as a delegate from the local Grange.

Miss Alice Laughton has been spending two weeks with Rev. and Mrs. W. Parkyn Jackson in St. Albans. On her way home she paid a short visit to Mrs. Kenney in Warner.

The regular meeting of the Grange with a short literary program was held Dec. 11. The next meeting will be Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, and officers will be elected. A good attendance is desired.

A special town meeting has been called for the purpose of appropriating money to defray the expense of repairs on the schoolhouse at the centre, No. 1. The meeting will be held in the town hall Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 10 a. m.

GUILFORD CENTRE.

The ladies' circle will meet in their rooms Thursday, Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock. There will be plenty of work.

The next regular Grange meeting will be the annual meeting and officers will be elected. Every member is especially requested to attend.

Mrs. W. W. Goodnow is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Thayer, this week. She has just returned from a visit with her daughters in Jacksonville.

The winter arrangement for Sunday school was perfected last Sunday. The following officers were elected: E. A. Pierce, superintendent; M. H. Waite, secretary; Mrs. E. A. Pierce, treasurer; Mrs. M. E. Bullock, organist; Mrs. E. A. Pierce was elected teacher of the primary class, Mrs. E. M. Waite intermediate and Charles Hamlin Sunday school.

The Sunday school will be held in the ladies' rooms, free use of which has been given by the ladies' society. Reed Brothers very kindly donated wood. Mr. Waite has drawn it and James Thayer will saw it.

WEST GUILFORD.

Leroy Bond is visiting his brother, Dexter Bond.

Mrs. Lucy Cox of Brattleboro is spending some time with her son, Charles Cox.

Fred and Clifford Farrington of Whitingham visited last week with their aunt, Mrs. C. H. Shepley.

There will be a concert and Christmas tree at the Baptist church Monday evening, Dec. 25. All are invited to come, to bring presents, and to help in making the evening enjoyable.

HALIFAX.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Baptist church next Tuesday evening, Dec. 26. There will be a Christmas tree and a good time is expected. All are invited to attend and bring presents for distribution from the tree.

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There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church next Tuesday evening. All are invited.

The Baptist church will observe Christmas both morning and evening. The music for the morning will be "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Joy to the World," "Solo, 'Star of the East,'" "The Good News Must Be Told," "Watchmen, Tell us the Night," "At the evening service will be given 'The Story in Scripture and Song.' Services will begin at 10.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. sharp.

Charles F. Clark, post, G. A. R., elected the following officers: Dec. 8; Commander, Orrin Wilson; senior vice commander, H. B. Brown; junior vice commander, F. H. Niles; quartermaster, A. A. Hill; adjutant, J. C. Winn; chaplain, A. A. Hill; officer of the day, F. T. Miner; surgeon, Herbert Barden; guard, Ezra Plumb; delegate to department encampment, Herbert Barden; alternate, Ezra Plumb.

Guiding Star Grange elected the following officers Tuesday evening: Master, Floyd Clark; overseer, Leland Cook; secretary, Harry Clark; lecturer, Mrs. Mabel Morton; steward, Charles Perry; assistant steward, Percy Leonard; treasurer, N. E. Thurber; chaplain, Miss Stella Cook; gate keeper, Roland Hubbard; Ceres, Miss Grace Thurber; Pomona, Miss Marion Eames; Flora, Miss Blanche Clark; lady assistant steward, Miss Mabel Thurber; organist, Miss Nina Clark.

Henry J. Barton, following, as he declares, the directions of his dead wife, has discovered a vein of lead in Idaho, which also contains a large amount of silver. He has named the property "Witch Nellie," in recognition of the aid of his wife's ghost.



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WHY NOT TRY
THE BEST SUBSTITUTE
OLD GRIST MILL
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Has all the virtues possible
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JAMAICA

Looking Over Limestone Deposits on Turkey Mountain

People from Burlington, Vt., have been in town recently looking over the ground and the limestone deposits on Turkey Mountain. Twenty years ago there were several lime kilns in operation in that part of the town, but they were abandoned because of the excessive cost of getting the lime to market. Now the lime can be loaded almost directly from the kiln into standard gauge cars, and the land where the deposits occur is well covered with a layer of timber suitable for firewood in burning the rock. This lime was much sought after formerly for building purposes owing to its peculiar adhesive properties. It is thought these deposits will be worked in the spring.

Mrs. Johnson Died of Natural Causes.

The report of the analysis of the stomach of Mrs. Warren Johnson, who died suddenly some months ago, has been returned to the state's attorney from the state laboratory in Burlington, and it shows conclusively that there was not the slightest trace of poison of any kind to be found, and that the woman died from perfectly natural causes. The state's attorney wishes to say in justice to Mr. Johnson that the consensus of opinion of Dr. H. O. Lewis and Dr. F. C. Brigham, and other reputable physicians who attended the woman, is that death was undoubtedly caused by paralysis of the throat.

Another Large Purchase by Jamaica Lumber Company.

The Jamaica Lumber company have this week bought of Julia A. Bates the property at Winhall Station, known as the Cressy place. This consists of a large two-story house near the railroad station, containing 18 rooms and intended originally for a summer hotel, with other buildings, also about 250 acres of land heavily timbered with spruce, hemlock and hard wood. This property also takes in Cold pond. The company is undecided as to whether they will place a mill on the lot or have the timber sawed out at the old Castle mill near the property.

H. S. Sherwin has gone to Boston to work.

Ed Spencer is working for the Jamaica Lumber Co.

Mrs. Gladys Case is keeping house for Ralph P. Spencer.

Henry Ellis has had his pension increased to \$24 per month.

Mrs. G. H. Hollenbeck has been spending the past week in Boston and vicinity.

Charles Allen has bought of the estate the driving mare of the late J. Q. Shumway.

The Baptist Sunday school will have a supper and Christmas tree Saturday evening in their vestry.

Mrs. A. O. Coleman of Bondville called on friends Monday, going on to Brattleboro Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury are spending the week in Putney and vicinity visiting Mrs. Kingsbury's parents.

Master Robert M. Wardwell has gone to Fultonsville, N. Y., to spend Christmas with his father and grandparents.

The ladies' industrial society held their annual sale and supper Tuesday evening, which netted a good sum for their treasury.

C. J. Loveland is skidding logs at the Cobb brook for F. G. Hosley and is boarding at Mr. Lee's at the Holden & Martin mill.

V. D. Piper has been appointed town grand juror for the selection to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. F. Willis.

The auditor of the B. S. Gallup Lumber company has been in town the past week looking over the books of the concern at the office here.

Fred A. Stone of Brattleboro has been spending the past week at his uncle's, Mr. Devereux's. He returned to Brattleboro Saturday.

W. F. Cutting shipped the first car of the season's output of chair stock from his mill on Tuesday. His shipments in future will be one to three cars a week.

Charles Donovan has returned from St. Albans, where he went with the steam shovel. He will remain in Jamaica this winter, running the stationary engine at H. A. McLean's electric light plant.

Next Monday evening there will be Christmas exercises in the Congregational church, followed by a tree in the hall below. Everybody is invited to bring presents for the tree and to attend both exercises.

While skating on Mr. Lewis's mill pond Saturday Alice Clark had a narrow escape from drowning. She broke through the ice where the water was about six feet deep, but succeeded in hanging to the edge until Roy Soper jumped in, and pulled her up to his neck, and brought her ashore.

The new electric lights in the opera hall gave general satisfaction and every one now feels secure from accidents by light switches.

A move to winter quarters has been made by the opera hall. The hall has been thoroughly repaired and a careful hand is in charge of the horses. Altogether the public can be assured that the inn is a good place for man and beast.

Mrs. Sarah Bruce of Pittsfield, Mass., was the second daughter whom Mrs. George N. Stevenson of the same place has buried in about one year.

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EAST JAMAICA.

W. S. Allen of this place holds the record for hunters so far as heard from. This season he has caught 45 foxes, 40 skunks, 18 coons, 10 muskrats, and has disposed of six gallons of skunk's oil at \$2.75 per gallon. He always gets the highest prices for his furs.

There has been a small increase in the number of scholars the past week, although all of those who are of school age are not enrolled in attendance. It might be well to notify the truancy officer.

Mrs. S. Allen has gone to Newfane to care for her daughter, Mrs. S. Wiswall.

But the skin-deep beauty of a woman may not be sufficient to hide her ugly temper.

NEWFANE.

Herman Howe is dealing in fresh fish. The air is full of "Merry Christmas."

Mrs. A. Groat's cousin, Mrs. Durkee, returned to Rutland this week.

Mrs. Davidson is expected to return next month from Burlington.

The Odd Fellows will give a masquerade ball about the middle of January.

Mrs. Adams of White River Junction is with her sister, Mrs. Anna Groat.

Rev. N. S. Moore will preach Sunday morning on "The Star of Bethlehem."

Mrs. W. R. Fay and son of Worcester are at F. S. Whitaker's for Christmas.

West river trains are not running with regularity, with one extra freight train.

Lewis H. Higgins is supplying a few days for the station agent at South Londonderry.

Mrs. Lottie Cohn of Weston has returned to the County House after being away on account of illness.

The name of Hugh Mack was accidentally omitted from the list of Newfane pupils at Leland & Gray seminary.

Mrs. Abbott has returned from North Londonderry to her daughter's, Mrs. Frank Davis's, for the winter.

Mrs. Rosamond Whitney was called to Woodstock yesterday by the critical illness of her father, Mr. Bridge.

The Christmas gifts at W. P. Eames's and Batchelder & Son's stores are unusually profuse and attractive arrangement.

The frail bit of humanity born at the West river colony last week weighing only a pound and a half, finished its life away within two days.

Lawyers Martin and Gibson of Brattleboro, with Stagedriver White of Hinesdale, were automobile tourists and guests at Newfane Inn this week.

Miss Lizette Edwards, who was paralyzed by a blow on her spine from a ham-mock post in the early fall, appears to be showing symptomatic improvement as it was hoped that time would bring.

Rev. L. P. and Mrs. Caswell-Broad have spent December giving missionary addresses in Massachusetts, especially the foreign congregations in the large cities and speaking by interpreters.

Brad Wright, lately employed at the Bradley farm in Brattleboro, has come home with his wife and child to live through the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, who are effected by former illnesses.

Pastor N. S. Moore said in his thoughtful sermon of Sunday morning on Sunday school work that it cost something to do it, but cost more not to do it. It seems probable that a home department in this line will be organized in the new year.

The case of poisoning over the river at the lumber camp, from which a girl of eight years died, was not caused by eating cedar berries as some supposed, but was decided by the autopsy to be ptomaine poisoning. The boy, younger, recovered.

Former residents of New York city, speak of eager interest for home news, which is commendable remembrance of the old hills and valleys. Let the letters of the past be to the correspondent all items of interest about themselves and others.

An offer has been tracked from Salmon Hole bridge down the stream to Brookline road and once seen being a dog by his tail, giving it a lively chase. Trappers who think it has lived in this region for years are after it for the fur value, which is said to be about \$20.

Christmas tree exercises will be held at Union hall Monday evening. There will be in charge of the general committee—Mrs. N. S. Moore, Mrs. B. C. Eager and Mrs. J. B. Batchelder. The children are drilled in speaking at the pageant.

The official election of the Homeland circle, at Newfane, was held Monday evening. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. N. S. Moore; vice presidents, Mrs. B. C. Eager, Miss M. Newton; secretary, Mrs. B. C. Eager; treasurer, Mrs. Anna Groat. The next meeting will be held at the pageant Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Letters of recommendation to Rev. and Mrs. B. E. Deane for a new home, the Congregational church in Newfane, Conn., were voted this week. Mr. Danforth's congregation will be largely increased in summer by summer guests from nearby and Bridgeport, Newfane, Conn., but has the environment of cities and manufacturing interests common to Connecticut.

Invitations to the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cole of Wallingford, this state, at the Hotel Wallingford, have been received. Mrs. Cole was known to her girlhood as Miss Eliza, daughter of James Merrifield. She has in later years invariably kept up an interest in her native town, occasionally visiting it, and has been a close reader of The Phoenix.

Men who were in West Cheshire, Conn., last summer, working on trolley lines with their teams observed the sign "Dr. J. DeVore" and one of them, an old neighbor of Mrs. DeVore, who was Miss Mary Bolles, called and found the doctor to be the same physician who located here seven years ago. He is now in the present place of residence, though small, is something of a summer resort, and the DeVores have a attractive home.

More improvements recently have been made in Newfane, which now has a large furnace working well. The pool room is converted into a winter sitting room, painted in white and papered in light colors. The pool table has been moved to the new location. The barn has been thoroughly repaired and a careful hand is in charge of the horses. Altogether the public can be assured that the inn is a good place for man and beast.

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TOWNSHEND.

Robert Greenwood is at home. The air is full of "Merry Christmas."

Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence has returned home.

Fred Willard has returned from Montpelier.

Cyrus Farmer has been a recent visitor in town.

Herbert Kidder is visiting his sister, Mrs. Goodell, in Keene.

The Grange served the annual oyster supper last Friday evening.

Can't an effort be made to light the street in the north part of the village?

Mattie Crane is at home from Putney, where she has been at work five years.

The Porcena Guild held a successful sale of fancy articles and books Tuesday evening.

Bert Ober has left his work at the meat market and is attending school at the seminary here tonight.

Col. Franklin, Mrs. Fayette Cook and Mrs. Fred Willard have been suffering from rheumatism.

The basket ball team of the high school from Brattleboro will play with the seminary team tonight.

Ray Shine worked last week for Edgar Albee and this week has begun work in C. H. Willard's steam mill.

We hear that a new saw mill will be erected later on the Manning place, to get off the lumber from that region.

Jennie McCoy, who is employed at the hotel, is at her home in Londonderry, on account of having whooping cough.

The winter term of school numbers miss pupils than usual and more are expected than in the fall, when 73 pupils attended.

The Home club of the Congregational society held their last meeting of the season. Mrs. Hattie Winslow last week Thursday.

Harry Pierce is at home for a time, after traveling in New York state in the interest of a photograph company, which exhibits pictures.

Some of the Navajo Indians will be made more comfortable this winter for the efforts of the Woman's Baptist Mission society in this place.

Townshend is not the coldest place there is for we have had a very hard winter, but when the record was eight and 30 below in other places it was only one below here.

The seminary will be closed next week while the new building is being erected. The building has been uncomfortably cold for the students during the recent cold weather.

The roll call at the Baptist church will take place Saturday, Dec. 23, at 10 o'clock. The service will be held at the church and society, instead of just the society, as the notice last week stated.

Mrs. Van Schaleck of Honesick, N. Y., is visiting at her father's, Charles Austin's, in Harmonyville, and Mr. Van Schaleck will come here the last of this week to spend the holidays.

The seminary basket ball team played Friday evening with the school team of Brattleboro. At the close of the game the score stood 26 to 6 in favor of the seminary team.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell Davis were in Brattleboro last night to attend the wedding reception which took place after the Davis-Butterfield wedding. The bridegroom is a brother of Mr. Davis of this place.

Some of the members of the magazine club complain that they are not receiving their reading as they should. Some of the magazines are not coming when they are due. We wish each member would see to it the faithful service is given in this respect.

Mrs. Amelia Gale recently had her photograph taken, and five generations are included in the picture—Mrs. Gale, Mrs. N. S. Moore, Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury, Mrs. J. B. Batchelder, Mrs. J. B. Batchelder's son, Charles Twitwell, Mrs. Twitwell's daughter, Mrs. Maud Stroub, and her infant daughter.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held Monday evening. J. H. Ware was moderator and J. O. Follett clerk. Mrs. Osgood was chosen treasurer; Fred Randall, collector; H. H. H. Ware, E. H. Ware, E. H. Albee, prudential committee. The prudential committee are also auditors.

The Christian Endeavor society has elected the following officers to serve six months: President, Dr. H. H. Ware; vice president, Dr. P. L. Osgood; secretary, Nellie Dale; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Baker; treasurer, Miss Stella May; chairman of lookout committee, Mrs. William Blood; chairman of prayer meeting committee, Alice Dale; chairman of social committee, Mrs. G. H. Baker; chairman of music committee, Miss May Howe.

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